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SUBJ: DISPOSITION OF FORMER GVN AND KGR US-SUPPLIED MILITARY
EQUIPMENT

REF: A. BANGKOK 7976; B. STATE 104005; C. BANGKOK 8143;
D. BANGKOK 8264; E. BANGKOK 8353

1. REF B AUTHORIZED EMBASSY TO OFFER CERTAIN FORMER CAMBODIAN
AND VIETNAMESE MAP/MASF ASSETS TO RTG. ASSETS WERE ACCORDINGLY
OFFERED THROUGH SUPREME COMMAND, OFFER WAS ACCEPTED, AND
TURNOVER BEGAN.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, WHEN NEW REGIME IN SVN SUPPORTED BY
HANOI, LAID CLAIM TO THE VIETNAMESE PORTION OF THESE ASSETS,
WE WARNED RTG THAT IN ABSENCE SATISFACTORY THAI POSITION IT
WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR US TO CONTINUE TURNOVER OF ASSETS THAT
HAD ALREADY BEGUN. WE SUSPENDED TURNOVER PENDING DEVELOPMENTS.

3. ON MAY 15, SUPREME COMMAND CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL KRIANGSAK
CHAMANAN, REQUESTED US TO TURN OVER REMAINDER OF OFFERED ASSETS
TO THAI MILITARY.

4. WE HAVE DECIDED TO DO SO FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

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A. WE WILL REQUIRE FROM SUPREME COMMAND WRITTEN

ACKNOWLEDGMENT THAT U.S. CONSENT IS REQUIRED BEFORE ANY FURTHER DISPOSITION OF ASSETS. THIS WILL PROVIDE SOME DEGREE OF PROTECTION AGAINST ANY FUTURE RTG DECISION TO TURN OVER EQUIPMENT TO VIETNAM OR CAMBODIA, SINCE RTG, IN ORDER TO TAKE SUCH ACTION, WOULD HAVE TO REPUDIATE SUPREME COMMAND'S UNDERTAKING TO US;

B. CURRENT STATE OF THAI/US RELATIONS IS VERY DELICATE OWING TO RECENT MAYAGUEZ OPERATION. DURING THAT OPERATION WE RECEIVED TACTIT BUT EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE FROM SUPREME COMMAND, AND WE ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO NEED THEIR SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY AT THIS TIME;

C. SUPPORT OF EQUIPMENT BY U.S. MILITARY HERE IS BECOMING DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE IN SOME MAINTENANCE AREAS WITHOUT FULL-TIME COMMITMENT TO THAT TASK ALONE, E.G., ENGINES HAVE TO BE TURNED OVER, AND QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO PERFORM THIS TASK ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY; A SQUEEZE IS PUT ON SPACE NEEDED FOR OTHER U.S. STORAGE OPERATIONS; AIRCRAFT (C-47'S) AT DON MUANG ARE CHARGED FOR RAMP SPACE; THERE IS A PROBLEM IN DIVERSIFICATION OF LOCATIONS (UTAPAO, KORAT, TAKHLI, UDORN, DON MUANG); EQUIPMENT WILL DETERIORATE BECAUSE OF NONUSE, I.E., SEALS DRY UP, VARIOUS SYSTEM LEAKS DEVELOP, ENGINES FREEZE, ETC., WHICH ESCALATES O&M COSTS OUT OF REASONABLE LIMITS EVEN IF REPLACEMENT PARTS WERE READILY AVAILABLE.

5. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HAVE DECIDED TO RESUME AND COMPLETE TURNOVER SOONEST UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.
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